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240SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

Eldridge Cleaver, Black Panther Minister of Information, sought since November 27 for failing to surrender as a parole violator is also in trouble with Internal Revenue Service. Cleaver who earned an incredible \$100,000.00 plus during 1968 now faces a tax lien of nearly \$60,000.00.

Though Cleaver's whereabouts remains a mystery, his wife in a recent press interview hinted that he is still in the United States and probably in the New York City area. It is believed that Cleaver will probably try to exit the U.S. In recent statements both before college audiences (where he earned at least up to \$1500.00 for a speaking engagement, plus transportation for himself and usually a healthy number of body guarding cronies) and to the press, Cleaver has expressed both fear and determination in connection with his return to prison. Since Cleaver is at his four letter word best on the dissident rostrum as a confirmed and dedicated rabblorouser, he cannot remain silent for long. If he is successful in escaping the U.S. where he will go remains anybody's guess. Cuba perhaps, but Cuba would not facilitate continued earnings for speaking engagements - Europe would. Cleaver, most assuredly, has now become accustomed to the comforts money can provide and Europe always has room for one more powerful voice from the left. The fact that he is both American and black would add to a European forum. Danny (the Red) Cohn-Bendit and (Red) Rudi Dutschke as well as others would probably welcome Eldridge (the Black) to the cause of international trouble-making.

A spokesman for the nineteen remaining negro students at Oshkosh State University (Wisconsin) states that no negroes will be registered at the University at the conclusion of the present semester.

The November 4th riot and take over of San Fernando Valley State College by The Black Student Union has resulted in twenty-eight indictments ranging from assault to kidnapping by a Los Angeles grand jury. No trial date has as yet been set.

In late November the CIA recruiter on the campus of Washington University at St. Louis precipitated a new tactic by SDS'ers. At a meeting held on 22 November, five individuals volunteered to photograph all students who spoke with the recruiter. The interviewees would then be told that their photograph would be sent to countries not friendly with the U.S.

This is the first time this procedure by dissidents has been observed. Since it must be conceded to be an ingenious harassment tactic, the photo threat will probably be repeated on other campuses.

Calendar of tentatively scheduled activities

"Asterisked" items are either reported for the first time or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

December 27-29 An organization called the "Peacemakers" has scheduled a conference at Philadelphia. The purpose of the conference is to encourage persons not to register for Selective Service. The conference organizer and coordinator, one [redacted] is reportedly a member of the Young Socialist Alliance.

December 27-29 *The GI-Civilian Anti-War Action Conference scheduled for Chicago will be co-sponsored by:
American Friends Service Committee
Chicago Peace Council
Los Angeles Peace Action Council
Philadelphia Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy
Philadelphia Mobilization Committee
Socialist Workers Party (Principal Sponsor)
Conference participants plan to leaflet GI's at bases and major transportation terminals to publicize the activities that are to take place during this period. Members of the Young Socialist Alliance from Wisconsin have announced that they will leaflet the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

December 27 to January 1 The National Council meeting of the SDS will be held at Ann Arbor, Michigan during the Christmas-New

Years Holidays. 1000 SDS chapter delegates, members and affiliates are expected to be in attendance

December 31

*The Quaker Action Group (pacifist) who sponsored a demonstration at the Allentown (Pennsylvania) Prison Farm at Lewisburg on 20 December will travel to Buffalo, New York on the 31st to demonstrate at the "Peace Bridge" in support of war resisters presently living in Canada.

January 1969

A dissident faction of the American Independent Party has announced that it has taken steps to form a continuing national organization. A temporary national committee was formed by 150 representatives from fourteen states at a two-day convention in El Segundo, California, recently.

The Committee's main objectives would be "assistance to all state parties in preserving their ballot qualifications and retentions of the A. I. P. as a legally constituted national party." The committee will meet early in 1969 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to form a regular national committee.

January 2-10

At a meeting in Kalamazoo, Michigan on 15-17 November, the National Interim Committee of the SDS proclaimed 2-10 January to be SDS Days of Solidarity with the Cuban Revolution. SDS is planning to send a small official delegation to Cuba at that time. Additionally, during Solidarity week, SDS plans other activities including the presentation of films, educational programs and possibly demonstrations.

January 3-9

*A new left symposium will be held on the Northwestern University campus on the above dates. The symposium is planned to bring together national new left leaders including:

- Tom Hayden, SDS, founder and theorist
- Carl Oglesby, of Ramparts magazine
- Mike Herrington, SDS leader
- Dick Gregory, erstwhile Presidential candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party
- Jesse Jackson, of Operation Breadbasket

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A large number of New Letters from many areas are expected to be in attendance. The CIA recruiter who was scheduled to be on the Northwestern campus is expected to move his activity to the Chicago Federal building and conduct interviews by appointment.

January 6

D. C. - Oral arguments will be heard by the 1st U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of anti-draft conspiracy convicted Dr. Benjamin Spock and the three other convicted defendants. Written appeal briefs have been filed.

January 7

Los Angeles, California - The trial of Sirhan B. Sirhan for the murder of Sen. R. F. Kennedy has been postponed until 7 January. The delay from 9 December was granted to permit a new member of the defense team, Attorney Grant B. Cooper, to study the case. The trial will be held in a steel-plated court room with closed circuit television for reporters. There will not be any public television.

January 9

Evanston, Illinois - SDS at Northwestern University plans to demonstrate to protest CIA recruiting on the campus. An SDS leader has stated that he feels the demonstration will be "obstructive in nature."

January 18

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - The Black Liberation Alliance, formed October 18-20 at Columbus, Ohio, by 50 dissatisfied members of CORE from five states will hold its first convention. Temporary officers were elected at Columbus. It was decided that the organization will strive for basic social, economic, and political change in the U. S. A. rather than reform. It will seek racial separation, black nationalism, and the formation of a separate black nation within the boundaries of the U. S.

January 20

*An informant of unestablished reliability has provided information that it is rumored the Black Panther Party plans to assassinate Mayor John Reading of Oakland and Joseph Aliato of San Francisco on inauguration day. Local and federal officials in the San Francisco Bay area have been advised.

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January 19-20

All information available to TAB/SAD regarding possible disruption of the Presidential inaugural ceremonies by dissident organizations will be provided in the Situation Information Report distributed during the week of 6 January 1969. The delay in issuing this information is based on the fact that for the past six weeks numerous changes in the plans of various organizations have appeared in source material. It is hoped that the Situation Information Report issued during the week of 6 January 1969 will be both comprehensive and reasonably accurate. The following article, however, reported in its entirety from the Drew Pearson column appearing in the 24 December 1968 edition of the Washington Post is considered too hot to hold.

"Inaugural Trouble": Washington will have an extremely touchy job during the forthcoming Inaugural to prevent demonstrations and disruptions by militants. Extraordinary precautions are already under way. The city is flooded with undercover men, not only from the police and the Secret Service but from the CIA and the FBI. Crowd control aid has been sought from Philadelphia and Baltimore police for Inaugural duty.

Chief worry is over the dissident underground Information indicates that they're eyeing as excellent bonfire material the lumber piles with which the Inaugural stands are being built. The idea now is that the grandstands might be burned down the night before the parade.

There's also some talk of the dissidents requesting officially that a section of the parade be set aside for marchers who object to Nixon's Inaugural. This might be done as a part of the regular parade in exchange for a pledge not to riot.

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The entire Inauguration is in the extremely capable hands of Willard Marriott, head of the Hot Shoppes and Marriott Motels. He knows the Capital like a book, but is also aware that he has plenty of headaches.

January 21

New Orleans, Louisiana - Clay L. Shaw is to go on trial in the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court on charges of conspiring to assassinate President John F. KENNEDY. This case has been in an "on and off" status for a long time but does appear to actually be going to trial this time. Controversial District Attorney Jim GARRISON was quoted as saying, "The moment of truth has arrived in this case. Even if I am killed, the Clay Shaw case will go to trial."

SOURCES: Government and news media reports

RELIABILITY: Probably true